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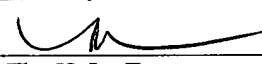
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed November 24, 2004, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending February 24, 2005. This response is filed within the set period such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix, including amended drawing figures, is attached following page 13 of this paper.